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Unlike many other observers of the situation behind the Iron Curtain, not hold with the opinion that the Soviet leaders have decided on a policy of anti-Zionism, and especially anti-Semitism. While it is true that a large number of Jews have been tried in various Satellite countries and these trials were linked to attacks on the Zionists, cosmopolites, etc, do not believe that there is any real change from the earlier pattern of Communist trials. the emphasis on anti-Zionism is for momentary tactical reasons only. While Jews are rather unpopular in many Central and Eastern European countries, believe these countries are fertile soil for any real anti-Semitism. It is remembered, however, by many individuals in the Satellite countries that a very large number of persons of Jewish descent quickly seized the opportunity of obtaining high positions under communism. Some of them - Slansky, for example - were quite eager to be more Moscowite than Moscow itself. Thus, while all leading Communists are unpopular, there is a more accentuated dislike for Communist leaders of Jewish origin.

In my opinion, the main reasons that the recent attacks have been concentrated on the Jews are:

- (a) An attempt to blame all shortcomings on a group which is in a way an alien element and to pretend that real Soviets, Czechs, and Poles are different and more loyal to communism than the cosmopolitan Jew.
- (b) The sacrificing of the most unpopular men in order to claim that conditions will be better from now on.
- (c) A growth of emphasis on the more practical Stalinite approach, rather than the rigidly doctrinaire approach usually taken by Jewish intellectuals who become Communists.
- (d) Stalin's memories of Trotskyism.
- (e) In my opinion, a very minor consideration: an attempt to appeal to the Arabs.

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[redacted] anti-Semitism will not necessarily be a factor in many future trials. [redacted] not be surprised if in some of the later trials someone will be tried for advocating racial anti-Semitism, or something of that sort.

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The general reaction of the big majority of non-Communists behind the Iron Curtain (that is, those who dislike communism no matter whether or not they are former Party members) will be:

- (a) A feeling of satisfaction that at last the leading Communists are being purged as well as the minor functionaries. 50X1
- (b) A hope that under favorable circumstances the purges might one day lead to an open split with better chances for overthrowing communism.
- (c) An increased fear among minor Party and non-Party functionaries, realizing that purges on the top will spread downward and reach them. 50X1

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